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SUBJECT: **DECEMBER 2009 QUARTERLY REPORT
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

This report is the second quarterly Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Implementation Status Report for Fiscal Year 2009-10. The information included in this report provides an update on the Department's implementation of MHSA programs and services for the months of September through November 2009.

Since the last report on September 22, 2009, the following additional MHSA activities have been or are being accomplished:

MHSA Plan/Activity	Status/Accomplishments/Future Milestones
MHSA Implementation	<p>Implementation has focused on the development of Full Service Partnership (FSP) outcome reports, including the integration of data sources to produce a complete report by age group and provider on client living arrangement since enrollment in FSP services. Preliminary analyses indicate significant reductions in days spent homelessness, incarcerated and psychiatrically hospitalized after entering FSP programs.</p> <p>Implementation has also focused on strategies to increase client flow into and through services, including community integration strategies.</p>
Information and Technology (IT) Plan	<p>California Department of Mental Health (CDMH) approved project funding for the MHSA IT Plan for the FY 08/09 through FY 09/10 grant period at \$41,202,775. Funding to support all six approved projects has been included in the MHSA Master Agreement with CDMH. DMH Chief Information Office Bureau (CIOB) is continuing efforts on the Integrated Behavioral Health Information System (IBHIS) project. The IBHIS Request for Proposals (RFP) was re-released on November 18, 2009. Vendor responses to the RFP are due on February 18, 2010.</p> <p>Efforts are ongoing to implement the Contract Provider Technology Project (CPTP). Three of four personnel items budgeted for the CPTP Administrative Unit have been filled. The sample Technological Needs Funding Agreement (TNFA) is currently under external review. DMH anticipates Board review of the TNFA in January 2010. It is expected that DMH will initiate awards of MHSA IT funds to Legal Entity Contract Providers subsequent to Board approval of the TNFA.</p>

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Information and Technology (IT) Plan (Cont'd)	CIOB expects to initiate activities on the remaining four technology projects (Data Warehouse Redesign, Telepsychiatry, Consumer Family Access to Computer Resources, and Personal Health Record Awareness and Education) in 2010.
Capital Facilities (CF) Plan	Finalizing facility needs according to Supervisorial District.
Incubation Academy	<p>The Academy is now in its fourth quarter of operation. The Basic Session took place November 16-19, 2009 with a total of 40 individuals representing 16 agencies participating in the session. The Advanced session was held December 7-9, 2009. The Academy will continue providing Basic and Advanced sessions on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In conjunction with PEI, provide technical assistance to agencies in completing Request for Statement of Qualifications • Legal entities currently contracted with DMH to provide mentorship and/or sponsorship to community based organizations • Qualifying agencies to provide non-traditional mental health services, particularly for the areas of prevention and outreach
Regional Partnership	<p>The Regional Partnership Group is currently working on the three Requests for Services (RFS) that will set-up relationships between universities/colleges and the Department. The RFSs look at outcomes associated with MHSA Programs covering Older Adults, Adults, and Consumers. The RFSs are expected to be released in the next quarter.</p> <p>Dr. Bruce Chorpita of UCLA has been selected to conduct research into the outcomes of the evidence based practices for children under the Katie A. Agreement.</p>
Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan	<p>Approximately nine action plans (AP) are at various stages of review, development and drafting. Licensure Preparation Training (AP 3) and Recovery Oriented Supervision Training (AP 5) are being reviewed by County Counsel. The Intensive Mental Health Recovery Specialist Training Program (AP 8), Expanded Employment and Training for Peer Advocates (AP 9), Expanded Employment and Training for Parent Advocates (AP 10), Expanded Employment and Training for Family Advocates (AP 11), and the Fiscal Intermediary for Tuition Reimbursement and Loan Forgiveness (AP 19 and 20) are being finalized for submission to DMH Contracts Development and Administration Division. Lastly, implementation of the Interpreters Training (AP 6) and Community Partners (AP 7) is anticipated in early spring 2010.</p> <p>WET staff have also conducted countywide presentations to the Service Areas Advisory Committees and Service Area Providers. The informational forums provide an overview of the objectives, goals and trainings to be offered by WET.</p>

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Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan (Cont'd)	<p>The MHSA Loan Assumption Program, administered by the Health Professions Education Foundation, began accepting applications for 2010, and notices were distributed countywide to contract providers as well as DMH staff. Deadline for submission of the application packet to the Foundation is January 24, 2010.</p> <p>WET and Departmental Staff are currently developing a project intended to increase the number of designated areas in the County that demonstrate a high mental health professional shortage. The designation will enable public mental health professional staff working in those areas to qualify for additional state and federal loan assumption programs. Information regarding the process will be forthcoming.</p>
Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan	<p>October 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DMH conducted a "How to Become an MHSA PEI Contractor" training workshop, which was attended by over 356 individuals, representing 263 agencies and organizations. In addition, nearly 186 individuals were on a waiting list to attend the training and five additional trainings were planned. The emphasis was on providing information about the PEI services to be contracted out, the process to get on the MHSA Master Services Agreement List, the bidding process, subcontracting opportunities, and the Incubation Academy. In order to promote the development of additional community-based programs for the PEI Plan, DMH planned two-part Community-Defined Evidence (CDE) workshops to provide assistance to developers whose applications were not previously accepted in spring 2009. The main focus of the workshops was to review the CDE criteria and the application and qualification process. Two orientation workshops were held, one in Los Angeles and another in Burbank. <p>November 2009</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first two of the five "How to Become an MHSA PEI Contractor" training workshop was held in Montebello and Carson, with nearly 100 individuals attending each. The remaining workshops were held early December, attendance numbers will be reported in December report. Four technical assistance CDE workshops were held throughout the County to assist community organizations with resubmitting their CDE qualification application. Those agencies that qualify will be listed in the PEI CDE Resource Guide as a possible program that could be selected for funding when the PEI Plan is revised. DMH continues to develop the RFS. It is projected that 48 RFSs will be issued, including PEI Early Start programs and that over 135 programs will be implemented.

Full Service Partnerships (FSP)

The following table outlines Second Quarter FSP enrollment information for each age group:

Program	November 2009	
	# Enrolled	% Enrolled vs. capacity
Child	1,581	91%
TAY	1,086	91%
Adult	3,683	93%
Older Adult	273	93%
Total	6,606	92%

Field Capable Clinical Services (FCCS)

The following grid outlines Second Quarter data for FCCS programs for each age group.

Program	October 2009*
	# Served
FCCS – Child	188
FCCS - TAY	128
FCCS – Adult	2,816
FCCS – Older Adult	1,392
Total	4,524

* October data used due to lag time of November data entry and claiming.

Wellness/Client Run Centers

Program	October 2009*
	# Served
Wellness/Client Run Centers	10,679

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The next MHSA implementation status report will be submitted to your Board in March 2010 and will provide Third Quarter data and updates to include the months of December 2009 through February 2010.

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